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APRIL 22, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

Brandenburg Sinfonia
from Cantata 174

J. S. Bach
arr. Merle Isaac

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (8:00/11:00)
Rev. Rogers (9:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is my shepherd. He gives me everything I need.

**All: He lets me rest in grassy meadows
and leads me to restful waters.**

One: He restores me and leads me in the ways I should live.

All: God is with me always.

One: Let us worship God.

* **HYMN 478**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you bless us with great beauty and abundant resources, but we have failed to care for the world as faithful stewards. You surround us with amazing people, but we have failed to respect and love them as integral parts of your mosaic of life. You bless us each one with rich talents, but too often we hide them or hold them for ourselves. Forgive us for our past deeds and free us to live as Easter people, aware of your goodness and grateful for opportunities to serve you by serving others.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert, all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

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 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Cheryl Gulbranson (8:00)
Annette Fraser (9:30)
Ginny Horan (11:00)

FIRST READING Acts 4:5-12
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Jesus Loves Me* William Bradbury
arr. John Ferguson

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me – he who died heaven’s gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

Jesus loves me – he will stay close beside me all the way.
He calls children to his side, saying, “Come with me abide.”

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)
Children through grade five are invited forward.

SECOND READING John 10:11-18
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Buckley (8:00)
Staying Power Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

 Responding 

* **HYMN 304** *Jesus Loves Me!* JESUS LOVES ME

WELCOME Rev. Parks-Piatt (9:30/11:00)
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *Air* J. S. Bach
from Cantata No. 156 arr. Edmund Siennicki

* **Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00) *See Communion Card*

COMMISSIONING OF PILGRIMS TO ITALY (9:30)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

 **Sending** 

* **HYMN 170** *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* CRIMOND

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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This response is Hymn 594.

* **POSTLUDE** *Psalm 19* Benedetto Marcello
arr. Vernon Leidig

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Hearing-assistance devices and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Welcome to all! Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at www.firstpresbyterian.org. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Anne Kloack and Karen Mundus. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Nelly Petrock and Nancy Oliver (9:30) and Carol Fletcher and Judy Landau (11:00). **Sound system volunteers** are Rol Kibler (9:30) and Barry Leonard (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Spaulding Clark, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty and Connie Swindle, Keith and Sheila Bilby, and Dean Gilchrist (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Jeannette Middleton, Jim Douglass, Sandy Herold, Linda Lampman, Cyndy Colton, and Paul and Georgia Goodman (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the Chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Prayer team members are Elsa Stuber and Marolin Bellefleur (9:30) and Don and Gale Redding (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Do not work so hard for Christ that you have no strength to pray, for prayer requires strength." – Hudson Taylor

Those commissioned as pilgrims to Italy include Anne Andrus, Chris Black, Blair Buckley, Cheong-Hee Chang, Jan Fisher, Carol Gottliebsen, Pat Liljestrand, Angie Miller, Nancy Pflasterer, Lori Pickard, Mel Rogers, Marita Servais, Marcy Toon, Deb VandenBroek, Marti Wendler, and Deanne Woodruff.

Musical leadership includes Gayle Stevens, piano (8:00); Joshua Marzan, piano (9:30/11:00); Orchestra (9:30/11:00); and Chancel Choir (9:30/11:00).

Chancel flowers are given in honor of Lorna Prescott's birthday by her children.

The pink rosebud celebrates the birth of Grace Rosemary Bingham, born March 16, 2018, daughter of Kevin Bingham and Emily Brent. Grandparents are John and Carol Brent.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.** on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web (www.waamradio.com).

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Carly Groves, Linda Lampman, and Karla Bellfi.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare and Sunday School classes are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m. **Childcare** is available for preschoolers at 11:00 a.m. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

All-Youth Munch & Mingle is in the Youth Room at 9:20 a.m.

Sunday School and Confirmation classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

High School Youth meet in the Youth Room at 6:00 p.m. for pizza followed by a carpool to Breakout! Escape Rooms, 6:45 – 8:15 p.m.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 is engaged in a study of the book of Acts in the French Room/Library. Rev. Ed Koster is the facilitator. All are welcome.

First Friends meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. to view and discuss the DVD *Acts: The Acts of the Apostles*. First Friends is a self-directed adult group providing a safe place for people to share concerns and receive Christian support.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for "Celebrating Our Differences: Gender in the Book of Acts." Rev. Annette Fraser leads the discussion.

Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich, invites all college students to meet in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 a.m. service so we can treat you to lunch. Please let Revs. McGowan or Buckley know if you are going to be in Ann Arbor this summer. We would love to stay in touch!

T2A2 Small Group meets at Chris Wahl's house at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Do Not Be Afraid: Facing Fear with Faith* by Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells. For more information about all opportunities for twenties and thirties, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for First Forum: "The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence," in the Lewis Room, at 6:00 p.m. This is a repeat of last Sunday's program. First Forum is an opportunity for open dialogue and faithful disagreement about social issues. We will watch the documentary *Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence* from the Presbyterian Church (USA). This award-winning documentary, which explores the impact of gun violence on communities, will address whether gun violence is a public health issue. Join our discussion on how faith informs this issue and what we can do about it.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, April 27, at Outback Steakhouse, 3173 Oak Valley Drive, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Presbyterian Women is offering scholarships for the 2018 – 2019 school year to current seminary students or those who will begin seminary and who have a connection to First Presbyterian Church. Those interested should fill out the application found in the PW section of the church website. Completed applications should be sent to Joan Bentz (jdbentz@comcast.net) or Virginia Bell (virginiabell2013@gmail.com) by May 1. Recipients of the 2017 – 2018 scholarships were Andy Spaulding and Lex Alum.

"Lunches with Love," the 5th Grader-led mission, is collecting donations to make grab-and-go lunches for Food Gatherers. Drop off donations during the month of April in baskets at the Welcome Center, Narthex or the Lounge outside the Sanctuary. The donation item list and information about making monetary donations are online. Questions? Contact Jean Song (jean.chung@stanfordalumni.org).

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